

MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

September 9, 2014
10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, excused
Trustee Jason Biber, present
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John E. James called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

Daniel Quigley, Administrator, Long-Term Fixed Income Division, Bureau of Investments
Lon Cheng, Bureau of Investments

Public Comments

Mr. Quigley and Ms. Cheng reported to the Board the status of the portfolio of Michigan Veterans Trust Fund monies and how and where it is invested. Mr. Quigley was optimistic that the Trust Fund would receive at least the same amount of revenue in fiscal year 2015 as received in 2014.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Kosal/Wilson) to approve the Public Minutes, of June 3, 2014, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearings conducted at the September 9, 2014 emergent need work session. A total of 40 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case RH-1 (Macomb County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,873.00 for home repairs because the proper information for grant consideration was not provided.

Case RH-2 (Marquette County)

RESOLVED @ THE COUNTY

Case A-3 (Bay County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,300.00 for rent because there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume their financial responsibilities. Grant assistance was previously received in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Case RH-4 (Sanilac County)

APPROVED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application for \$5,700.00 for a new roof.

Case A-5 (Oakland County)

PARTIAL (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application authorizing no more than \$510.75; for home equity loan (\$148.00), auto insurance payment (\$153.21), AT&T cable (\$59.54) and medical bill (\$150.00).

Case A-6 (Wayne County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,000.00 for an auto purchase because an unforeseen emergent need was not presented.

Case A-7 (Calhoun County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,594.72 for mortgage because you are encouraged to apply for MiVHAP.

Case A-8 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$5,787.62 for a partial bathroom remodel because an unforeseen, temporary emergent need was not presented.

Case RM-9 (Oscoda County)

APPROVED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application for \$4,825.00 for dental work.

Case RH-10 (Oscoda County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$6,600.00 because an unforeseen emergent need was not presented.

Case RH-11 (Alcona County)

APPROVED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application for \$5,469.90 for a new septic tank and drain field.

Case A-12 (Delta County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$584.60; for rent (\$500.00) and utility (\$84.60) because per Board policy #101 which states that grant assistance will be disapproved if the applicant is unable to demonstrate his/her ability to resume his/her financial responsibility.

Case A-13 (Bay County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$320.00 for an auto payment because per Board policy #101 which states that grant assistance will be disapproved if the applicant is unable to demonstrate his/her ability to resume his/her financial responsibility.

Case A-14 (Menominee County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$5,285.00 for dental work because an unforeseen temporary emergent need is not presented. The applicant should investigate Dental Care Credit, Dental Schools, Health Department, Dental Access funds pursued through your dentist or MetLife to address dental requirements.

Case A-15 (Alcona County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,818.60; for electric (\$2,847.60) and cell phones (\$287.24) because sufficient income is stated and the retroactive benefits were sufficient to pay these expenses. Payment arrangements and other actions were pursued for the utility bill.

Case A-16 (Lapeer County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RO-17 (Isabella County)

RESOLVED @ COUNTY

Case A-18 (Kalamazoo County)

PARTIAL (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for \$7,273.69; for electric (\$451.69) and rent (\$6,822.00). The phone (\$247.94) request was disapproved as payments have been made.

Case A-19 (Ingham County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,900.00 for siding installation because previous grant assistance has been received.

Case RM-20 (Ingham County)

PARTIAL (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and has partially approved your application authorizing no more than \$330.00 for a dental exam and surgical extraction. The remaining request for dental work (\$6,120.00) was disapproved because other programs should be pursued.

Case RH-21 (Montcalm County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$4,735.00; for a new roof (\$4,240.00) and a damaged floor and well repair (\$495.00) because other agencies and assistance should be pursued.

Case RO-22 (Montcalm County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$6,000.00 for a vehicle purchase as an unforeseen, temporary emergent need was not presented.

Case RR-23 (Montcalm County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$11,500.00 because a temporary emergent need was not presented.

Case RH-24 (Oakland County)

MOVED TO THE OCTOBER 7TH MEETING

Case RR-25 (Kent County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$800.00 for delinquent rent at previous address because payment arrangements should be attempted. Sufficient household income is stated to pay this expense.

Case RR-26 (Huron County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for the updated statement of \$2,136.60 for dental work because previous grants have been received for dental work. Other resources should be pursued.

Case RR-27 (Macomb County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$6,550.00 for a new house and garage roof because you have applied with MiVHAP program.

Case RO-28 (Kalamazoo County)

APPROVED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application for \$8,271.00; for auto repairs (\$2,996.00) and a new septic tank and field (\$5,275.00). A payment voucher will be issued upon satisfactory inspection.

Case RR-29 (Mecosta County)

PARTIAL (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and partially approved your application authorizing \$660.53; for auto insurance and auto payments contingent upon current registration and driver's license being provided. The remaining requests were disapproved for electric (\$758.12), heating gas (\$219.41) and sewer/garbage (\$90.49) because payment arrangements should be attempted to pay these expenses.

Case A-30 (Oakland County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,793.12; for water/sewer (\$491.67) and unemployment overpayment (\$1,301.45) because sufficient income is stated to meet necessary expenses.

Case RH-31 (Ottawa County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$3,180.00 for rent because grant assistance was previously received in 2012 and 2013.

Case A-32 (Bay County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$600.00 for utilities because sufficient income is stated to pay this necessary expense and previous grant assistance has been received.

Case A-33 (Kent County)

WITHDRAWN

Case A-34 (Kent County)

DENIED (Wood/Williams)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,297.40 for rent because an unforeseen temporary emergent need was not presented. Sufficient income is stated to pay necessary expenses.

Case A-35 (Wayne County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$5,198.76; for 2011 property taxes (\$4,113.10) and water/sewer (\$1,085.66) because there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his/her financial responsibility.

Case RH-36 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$5,715.00 for electrical wiring because the proper information for grant consideration was not provided.

Case RH-37 (Oceana County)

APPROVED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application authorizing no more than \$6,000.00; for a new roof (\$6,875.80) and ceiling repair (\$1,180.00). The payments will be processed once the work is completed and inspected.

Case RO-38 (Sanilac County)

DENIED (Williams/McBride)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$3,939.04; for rent (\$1,200.00), vehicle registration (\$71.00), vehicle insurance for six months (\$1,241.00) and court fees (\$1,427.04) because the situation is long-term and not a temporary or emergent need.

Case RR-39 (Shiawassee County)

DENIED (McBride/Biber)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$390.00 for rent because sufficient income is stated to meet this expense.

Case RC-40 (Mecosta County)

DENIED (Biber/Wood)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,468.70 for electric because the situation presented is long term.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **9/40** for **\$41,996.67**. Approved **2/17** Appeals for **(\$7,784.44)**, **3/12** Review/Housing for **(\$18,350.70)**, **1/1** Review/Medical for **(\$330.00)**, **0/1** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **2/5** Review/Repetitive for **(\$6,360.53)** and **1/4** Review/Other for **(\$8,271.00)**.

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to accept the grant decisions made on July 1, 2014 (see attached) when there was not a quorum, carried and passes

Accounting Report

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Wood/McBride) to accept the following resignation and appointments passed and carried.

NAME	COUNTY	RESIGNATION
Roy Conrad	Ionia – Agent	Personal

The **American Legion** recommends the following new appointment:

NAME	COUNTY	TERM OF SERVICE
Gene LaRochelle	Houghton-Keweenaw	12-31-2015

Please consider the **Independent/4th VSO new appointments**:

NAME	COUNTY	TERM OF SERVICE
Rohnalda Ann Hollon	Gladwin	12-31-2015
Eddie Stephens	Hillsdale –not eligible	12-31-2015
Jennifer Smith	Ingham	12-31-2017
David W. Pauch	Kalkaska	12-31-2016
William Sabin	Kalamazoo	12-31-2016

Unfinished Business

- Board of Trustees requested 4 I pads be purchased through the State process.
- The Board of Trustees moved and voted to support the “No Wrong Door” Mental Health Proposal Pilot Program for Veterans to ensure that eligible veterans may receive assistance of up to \$1500 (5 visits) at a Community Mental Health Services clinic. Total Trust Fund expenditures for this program shall not exceed \$150,000. This partnership will commence 1 October 2014 and continue until 30 September 2015 subject to Board discretion.

New Business

- Board Trustees agreed with the changes to Board Policy BTP-108 to be in compliance with “No Wrong Door”
- Board of Trustees agreed to start reviewing cases at 9:30 a.m.
- Chairman James requested that the Director have someone start doing research about twitter. He thinks that will be a good way for the Trust Fund to reach people.

MVTF Board Activities

- Trustee Wood attended Service Officer training and the counties VSO's who attending the Trust Fund training were really pleased with all the information they received.

MVTF Staff Activities

- Director Holm held training in Gaylord, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette
- Director Holm informed the Board that legislation is being worked on to update Public Act 9
- Director Holm introduced Tom Diaz to the Board, he will be doing the MiVHAP program starting 9-15-14

Good of the Order

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:57 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date